

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~In a~~ A rotary body pressed against a pressing body for conveying a recording medium, carrying a non-fixed toner image formed by a developer, while conveying said recording medium at a nip between said rotary body and said pressing body, said rotary body ~~comprises~~ comprising:

an under layer; and

a resin surface layer contacting the under layer, the resin layer comprising a plurality of phases of different resin materials, which include a first phase of a first material configured to strongly adhering adhere to said under layer and ~~another~~ a second phase of a second material contacting said first phase and having a higher parting ability.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The rotary body as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least ~~one~~ the second phase of said resin surface layer contains fluorocarbon resin.

Claim 3 (Original): The rotary body as claimed in claim 1, wherein said resin surface layer contains fluorocarbon resin and 5 % to 30 % of poly(ether ether ketone) resin.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The rotary body as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least ~~one~~ the second phase of said resin surface layer comprises a thermoconductive filler.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The rotary body as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least ~~one~~ the second phase of said resin surface layer comprises an electroconductive filler.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The rotary body as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first phase, strongly contacting said under layer, has a sectional area, which is parallel to a contact portion between said resin surface layer and said under layer within said resin surface layer, ~~than an area of said contact portion.~~

Claim 7 (Original): The rotary body as claimed in claim 1, wherein said resin surface layer has a surface roughness of 5 μm or below in terms of ten-point surface roughness Rz.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The rotary body as claimed in claim 1, ~~wherein~~ further comprising a heat source is disposed in said rotary body.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A fixing device comprising:
a rotary body; and
a pressing body pressed against said rotary body;
said rotary body and said pressing body conveying a recording medium, carrying a non-fixed toner image formed by a multicolor, multilayer developer or a monochromatic solid developer, while conveying said recording medium at a nip between said rotary body and said pressing body to thereby fix said non-fixed image on said recording medium;

said rotary body ~~comprises~~ comprising:

an under layer; and

a resin surface layer comprising a plurality of phases of different resin materials, which include a first phase of a first material configured to strongly adhering adhere to said under layer and ~~another~~ a second phase of a second material contacting said phase and having a higher parting ability.

Claim 10 (Original): The fixing device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the developer comprises toner containing a parting agent.

Claim 11 (Original): The fixing device as claimed in claim 9, wherein a parting agent is coated on a circumference of at least one of said rotary body and said pressing body.

Claim 12 (Original): The fixing device as claimed in claim 9, wherein a quotient produced by dividing a pressure F (kgf) acting on the recording medium by an area S (cm²) of a contact portion between said rotary body and said pressing body is 0.5 kgf/cm² or above.

Claim 13 (Original): The fixing device as claimed in claim 9, wherein a quotient produced by dividing a pressure F (kgf) acting on the recording medium by an area S (cm²) of a contact portion between said rotary body and said pressing body is 4.0 kgf/cm² or below.

Claim 14 (Original): ~~In a~~ A fixing method ~~for comprising:~~
causing a rotary body and a pressing body, which is pressed against said rotary body, to convey a recording medium, carrying a non-fixed toner image formed by a multicolor, multilayer developer or a monochromatic solid developer, while conveying said recording medium at a nip between said rotary body and said pressing body to thereby fix said non-fixed image on said recording medium, said rotary body comprises:

an under layer; and

a resin surface layer comprising a plurality of phases of different resin materials, which include a first phase of a first material configured to strongly adhering adhere to said under layer and ~~another~~ a second phase of a second material contacting said phase and having a higher parting ability.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The fixing ~~device~~ method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the developer comprises toner containing a parting agent.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The fixing ~~device~~ method as claimed in claim 14, wherein a parting agent is coated on a circumference of at least one of said rotary body and said pressing body.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): ~~In an~~ An image forming apparatus for forming a non-fixed toner image by depositing a developer on a latent image formed on an image carrier, transferring said non-fixed toner image to a recording medium and fixing said non-fixed toner image on said recording medium with a fixing device, said fixing device comprising:

a rotary body; and

a pressing body pressed against said rotary body;

said rotary body and said pressing body conveying the recording medium, carrying the non-fixed toner image while conveying said recording medium at a nip between said rotary body and said pressing body;

wherein said rotary body comprises:

an under layer; and

a resin surface layer comprising a plurality of phases of different resin materials, which include a first phase of a first material configured to strongly adhering adhere to said under layer and ~~another~~ a second phase of a second material contacting said phase and having a higher parting ability.